

WORSHIP SERVICES at Ayr St Columba Church. There will be services at **10am and 11.15am**, these services will last for approximately 30 minutes.

MAXIMUM PLACES following the announcement earlier this week we will be able to accommodate more people in the Sanctuary. All social distancing will be maintained and Duty Elders will assist to make sure everyone is safe.

BOOKING Due to the changes in available spaces there will be an alteration in the booking process. If you wish to attend Church at **10 am** you will still have to request a place, please register by phoning Irene - 01292 265794 on **Tuesday** or **Thursday** morning between 9.30am and 12noon; or email on irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk. All email messages received will be acknowledged, please do not hesitate to be in touch if they are not.

PLEASE NOTE If you are unable to secure a place when you call we will guarantee a place on the following Sunday.

ALSO NOTE if you wish to attend at **11.15am** pre booking would be helpful but as a trial exercise, you are not required to book a place, but you will however, need to give contact details at the door.

YOUR MINISTER is here for you, and would love to hear from you. If any member would like a conversation please call Scott at the manse on 01292 226075. The purpose can be an informal chat or something more specific.

MINISTER ZOOM VISIT If you would like a visit by Zoom, please call or email Scott and a 'visit' can be arranged.

PASTORAL CARE If anyone requires the services of one of the Ministers, please do not hesitate to contact the Minister directly with any pastoral matter on **01292 226075** or scottsmckenna@aol.com

PROBATIONER MINISTER: Gillean Richmond will begin her fifteen-month probationary period at St Columba on 1 June. This is a full-time appointment, and we look forward to welcoming her to the ministry team and congregation.

HOLY COMMUNION On Sunday 6 June, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion at both morning services. These services are open to members and non-members: all are welcome. Booking arrangements are the same as on any Sunday (see above). In line with government and Church of Scotland guidance, the services will meet the necessary safety requirements. As usual, worshippers will be socially distanced. On arrival, each person will be offered a retailer-sealed pack of bread and wine. The pack can then be opened later in the service at the appropriate time. If you have any questions, please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk. It will be very good to welcome you to the service.

BOOKING for HOLY COMMUNION on Sunday 6 June. The secretary, Irene, has received a number of requests for places. If you would like to reserve a place at the **10.00am Service of Communion**, then please call or email as soon as possible to secure a seat (details at Booking above). Reservations at the 11.15am Service are not required. Communion is open to members and non-members.

RECORDING OF SERVICES Within Scottish Government guidelines, Sunday Worship is recorded in the sanctuary. All the service material can be found on the Website on "Worship Services" Tab. Each week we provide:

Website	Full Service Sermon (script and audio)
Facebook	Full Service
YouTube	Full Service

St Columba is now using the PREMIERE SERVICE, which means that the Service of Worship will begin each Sunday at 11.00am on our Website, YouTube and Facebook. You can access the Worship at 11.00am. If you join the Service of Worship during the 30 minutes of the Service, you are able to restart it from the beginning. As usual, you will be able to watch the Service any time afterwards.

Dial-a-Sermon Audio **01292 851074**

DEATH We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of Sheila Lockhart, formerly of Seafield Crescent, who passed away, in care, this past week.

DISCUSSION GROUP After two successful groups discussing the work of the Jesus scholar, Marcus Borg, I propose a weekly one hour discussion for five weeks on *Seeking God* by Esther De Waal.

Described as 'a contemporary spiritual classic', we will read, ponder, reflect and share our thoughts on this text written for daily living. The book is spiritual exploration rather than an exegesis of biblical texts.

The discussion group(s) will run from the week beginning 31 May to the end of June. If numbers allow, I hope to have an afternoon and an evening group. If you would like to join the group(s), please let me know by email (scottsmckenna@aol.com) or telephone 01292 226075. **Scott**

BAKE OFF CHALLENGE for PENTECOST You are invited by St Columba Kids to take part in a St Columba Family Bake Off. In celebration of Pentecost the challenge is to create a cake, decorate it any way you want and send a picture of the finished cake by Wednesday 19 May to irene@ayrstcolumba.co.uk or post on the FaceBook page. The winning cake will be announced next Sunday! There is no need to register – just bake, decorate and submit your photograph! Good Luck!!

WALKING GROUP you are cordially invited to join the Group on their next walk which will be Friday 28 May. The Group will meet at Ayr India at 10.30am. The walk will be approx. 3 miles around Belleisle.

MISSING a number of the folding tables are missing from the Midton Room – ten in fact. You may have borrowed one or two before the lockdown and they have been put away and forgotten. John would like to recover all the tables as soon as possible for his annual inventory. These tables are very expensive to replace, please check your garage. Tables can be returned to the Church on Wednesday morning between 9.30am and 12 noon

FLOWER DELIVERIES – can you help? We are looking for people willing to make socially distanced deliveries of flowers on a Sunday. If you feel able to assist please phone Margaret Johnston on 01292 442913.

FLOWER CALENDAR The Flower Calendar for the remaining months of 2021 is available. If you would like to add your name to a specific date please contact Anne Drennan the Flower Convenor on 01292 441493. Thank you to everyone who has continued to send their flower donation. This allows the Flower Team to provide beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary, and we thank Anne and her team for looking after this part of our Worship. We are now able to deliver flowers to members, if you know of anyone to whom the ministry of flowers might be uplifting, please let the Minister or Irene know.

Today's flowers were donated by George & Marion Templeton and Jay Mair & Family

PRAYER CALENDAR The Prayer Calendar for the fourth week in April is available on the website.

COLUMBA NEWS It is hoped to send a monthly email to the congregation. Shortly, it will be possible access Columba News by opting for the magazine online. Watch this space!

OFFERINGS During this time when Church attendance is restricted, members may continue to give offerings to support the work of the Church. Please contact the Treasurer, Tom Cairns, on 01292443271, the Session Clerk or the Church Secretary (both at 01292 265794).

DAILY PRAYING Visit pray-as-you-go.org for a short daily reflection with music, Scripture and help with sensitive praying. You can sign up for the daily meditations of Fr Richard Rohr, Centre for Action and Contemplation

CHARITIES Please continue saving your donations for **20's in the Pews** and **Mary's Meals**, which may be dropped off on Sunday morning or retained until the Office re-opens.

BBC TV - REFLECTIONS AT THE QUAY –Sunday 16 May 2021 at 11.15am – Reflections continue with The Rev Mandy Ralph of Annbank Parish Church, Ayr and Father David Wallace, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cardonald, lead reflections on the theme of unity. Music is by Celtic Worship.